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SUMMARY. IN SHORT SPEECH TO PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY APRIL 14 SADAT LISTED DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN IMPLEMENTING INTERNAL LIBERALIZATION POLICY AND ADMONISHED FELLOW EGYPTIANS TO ADAPT MENTALITY TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NASSERIST PRINCIPLES. LATER IN EVENING PRESIDENCY ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF MININT MAMDUH SALIM AS PRIME MINISTER. NEW CABINET WILL BE ANNOUNCED APRIL 16. END SUMMARY.

1. AS HE HAD PROMISED IN MARCH 29 POLICY ADDRESS, SADAT ON APRIL 14 ADDRESSED PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ON STATE OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS. TALK WAS A PHILOSOPHICAL KIND OF FIRESIDE CHAT, A REVIEW OF DOMESTIC UNCLASSIFIED

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SITUATION AT TIME OF "HISTORIC CHANGE".

2. SADAT SPOKE DIRECTLY TO COMPLAINTS WHICH HAVE BEEN REITERATED PUBLICLY ABOUT GOE'S ALLEGED SHIFT FROM NASSERIST PATH OF SOCIALISM, REVOLUTION, AND DEMOCRACY. FOLLOWING HIS USUAL TECHNIQUE, SADAT INSISTED HE HAD NEVER DISAGREED WITH NASSER ON BASIC PRINCIPLES OF 1952 REVOLUTION, ADDING THAT REAL REVOLUTIONARIES ARE ABLE TO ADAPT THEIR MENTALITY TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, SADAT POINTED OUT, AND GOE FOREIGN POLICY CONSEQUENTLY REQUIRES NEW SAFEGUARDS:

A. FLEXIBILITY. COLD WAR HAS GIVEN WAY TO DETENTE; GOE POLICY MUST REFLECT INTERNATIONAL REALITY.

B. NEW STYLE IN ARAB AFFAIRS. NON-REVOLUTIONARY ARAB COUNTRIES ARE USING WEALTH FOR BENEFIT OF ALL ARABS; ARABS SHOULD ACCEPT THIS HELP.

C. NEW LOGIC IN CHARTING POLICY.

4. RETURNING TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SADAT ADMITTED LIBERALIZATION POLICY HAD NOT WORKED, ASCRIBING FAILURE TO SHORTCOMINGS WHICH GOE MUST CORRECT:

A. OPPORTUNISM. PARASITES SAW OPEN DOOR AS PERSONAL CHANCE FOR GAIN. DESERVED PROFITS BENEFIT EGYPT; PROFITEERING IS INTOLERABLE.

B. RED TAPE.

C. INFLATION. INTERNATIONAL WAVE OF INFLATION IS NO EXCUSE FOR GOE FAILURE DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF COST OF LIVING, HOUSING, TRANSPORT. THERE SHOULD BE PENSIONS FOR ALL THE AGED AND DISABLED.

5. OPEN DOOR, SADAT STRESSED, REFLECTS SOCIALIST, REVOLUTIONARY GOALS OF PROSPERITY FOR ALL AND PREVENTION OF HUMAN EXPLOITATION. NEW INTERNAL ACTION PLAN REQUIRES IMPERATIVE RADICAL CHANGES TO OVERCOME SHORTCOMINGS LISTED ABOVE. THESE CHANGES WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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MADE AND "OPEN DOOR" WILL BE ACHIEVED. CHANGE OF STYLE IS REQUIRED.

6. AS EXPECTED, MININT MAMDUH SALIM HAS BEEN APPOINTED NEW PRIME MINISTER. ANNOUNCEMENT CAME JUST AFTER SADAT'S SPEECH. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW CABINET IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16.

7. APRIL 15 LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT NEW CABINET WILL INCLUDE

FOUR DEPUTY PRIMINS: ISMAIL FAHMY (DEP PRIMIN AND FONMIN),
GENERAL GAMASI (DEP PRIMIN AND MINWAR), MUSTAFA KHALIL (DEPUTY
PRIMIN FOR PRODUCTION), HAFEZ GHANEM (DEP PRIMIN FOR SERVICES
AND MIN HIGHER EDUCATION). NEW DEP PRIMINS WILL PERMIT RESPON-
SIBILITY FOR FOUR MAJOR SECTORS OF GOVERNMENT TO BE FOCUSED
AT THE TOP. ANOTHER INNOVATION WILL BE THE SUBSEQUENT
APPOINTMENT OF AT LEAST THREE PARLIAMENTARY UNDERSECRETARIES
IN THE CIVILIAN SECTORS TO IMPROVE LIAISON BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY.

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